[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE ON FRIDAYS FOR MUSLIM PRAYERS.

JANAB MOHAMED SALIH MARAIKAYAR :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, Muslims are bound to attend the Prayers on Fridays at 12 noon; may I suggest that the House . . ." 11-20 a.m.

MR. SPEAKER :—" We adjourn at 1 o'clock."

JANAB MOHAMED SALIH MARAIKAYAR :—" I appeal to the Hon. Speaker as well as to the House to adjourn at 12 o'clock."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The practice is for the House to adjourn at 1 o'clock and reassemble at 3 on Fridays."

JANAB MOHAMED SALIH MARAIKAYAR :—" But we have to attend the Prayers at 12-30. I request we may adjourn at 12, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Let the hon. Member put that in writing; I shall consider the suggestion. But I may inform the hon. Member that the practice is for the House to adjourn at one o'clock and not at twelve on Fridays."

JANAB MOHAMED SALIH MARAIKAYAR :—" It will be difficult for us to reach the mosque in time, Sir."

III.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS DISTRICT BOARDS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1952—*cont.*

* SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, the Government in moving this Bill have stated that they are actuated by a democratic purpose, viz., that new electoral rolls should be prepared and that some time is necessary for their preparation. We are not prepared to accept that reason at its face value. If the intention of the Government is to give greater facilities for those young people who have not been enfranchised yet and to disenfranchise those who have voted and the dead who, it is alleged, have voted in the municipal elections . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I do not hear the hon. Member at all. There is too much noise in the House."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" There is a slight technical point; the hon. Member seems to be too tall for the mike. He must just bend a little bit."

* SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I was stating that I did not accept the explanation offered by the Hon. Minister to the effect that the Government were motivated by a democratic purpose, viz., of enfranchising those that have not been enfranchised as yet and to disenfranchise the dead who have voted in the municipal elections. If this reason was given they should have come forward to postpone the municipal elections